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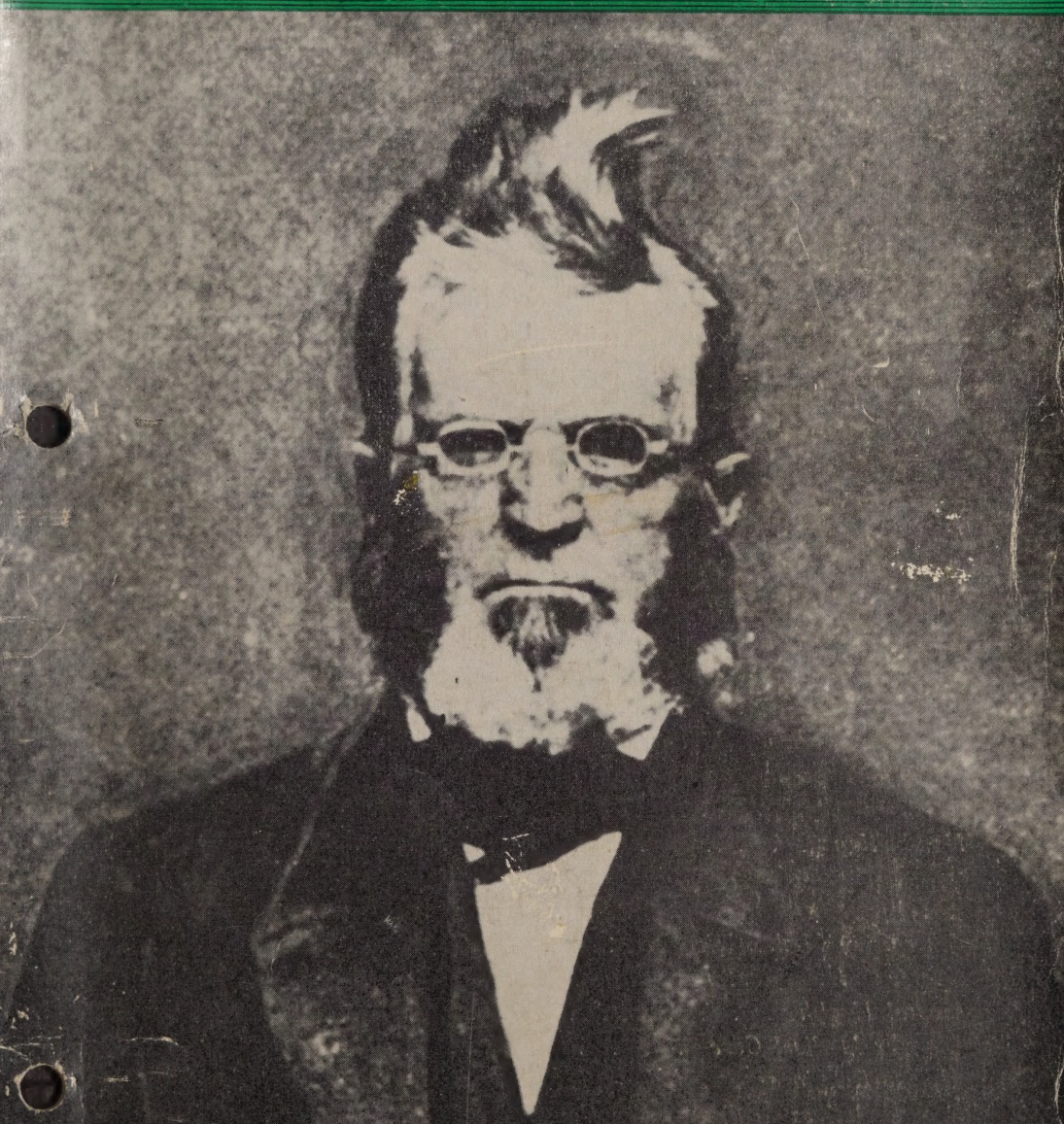

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THE HAMPDEN DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY: A LOOK INTO ITS PAST

by

HARRY N. MEMERY, M.D.
Secretary, HDMS

The Hampden District Medical Society officially came into being on May 28, 1940 following approval by the Council of the Massachusetts Medical Society. A total of fourteen physicians were members that year. Although the Massachusetts Medical Society began admitting districts in 1803, there was no rush from the outlying districts to join. It did not appear to many members that they gained any particular advantage. The dues had to be paid to the district treasurers who were allowed to retain 5% for their own use. The members received nothing except that they could consult a certain number of books out of the central library of the Society in Boston. Hampden District lost no time and in 1841 petitioned for a loan of sixty volumes which was granted.

Unfortunately, all records of the local society prior to May 5, 1875, were

effectively destroyed by fire. However, we do have the minutes of all meetings since that date. These records are beautifully and clearly written in longhand, especially those of the earlier secretaries: Drs. G. S. Stebbins, F. W. Chapin, and G. L. Woods.

Meetings — 1875 Style

Nearly every meeting had an essayist who presented a paper or reviewed cases of unusual medical interest. Not infrequently eminent physicians from Boston addressed the society, including Drs. Charles D. Homans, D. W. Cheever, John Homans, and A. T. Cabot.

The annual meeting of May 5th, 1875 was held in the Alderman's Room at the City Hall. There were about twenty active members in the organization and Secretary Stebbins noted the following: "The President called for the written communications but Dr. Fred E. Rice, one of the essayists, did not put in an appearance and Dr. S. D. Brooks, the other essayist who has been hanging fire for a year and has not discharged yet, was present and fruitful as ever in excuses. It is to be hoped that he will get loaded up to the muzzle soon, and be compelled to go off, when the Society will doubtless receive a valuable and interesting charge which will reward the patient waiting."

The August 3rd meeting was chiefly concerned with determining whether Dr. John Hooker was properly and legally a member of the Society. An investigating committee was appointed and eventually attended the trial of Dr.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

The observance of the 125th anniversary of the Society on Tuesday, February 2, 1965 (Page 22) promises to be a very auspicious and memorable occasion. Many dignitaries have been invited, and the guest speaker is none other than Dr. Donovan F. Ward, President of the AMA. Surely this is an event not to be missed by any loyal member of the Hampden District Medical Society!

The "Hippocrat", for its part, is very happy to contribute its small share to the anniversary by publishing the several historical items contained in this issue. The purpose of this compilation is to pay tribute to those of our predecessors who have made our Society what it is today and also to afford posterity a ready reference to the history of the HDMS since its founding in 1840.

More effort and expense have gone into the making of this than any previous issue of the "Hippocrat". To those who have contributed to these pages the "Hippocrat" is most grateful. To all, it expresses the hope that, to some degree at least, it has succeeded not only in cataloguing all the major dates and events but also in capturing the character and spirit of the first 125 years of our District Society.

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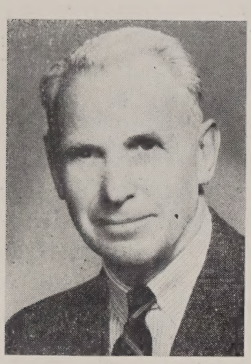

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This year Hampden District celebrates, with pardonable pride, 125 years of accomplishment and of service to the communities in the Pioneer Valley. Our Society was founded by fourteen dedicated and stalwart physicians to exchange ideas and to otherwise improve their knowledge for the purpose of rendering the best possible care to the people in this area.

From this meager beginning we have grown to a membership of over 500. We are now the largest District Society outside Metropolitan Boston. A review of Hampden District's history shows that its members have always managed to perpetuate the spirit of independence and of rugged individualism which they inherited from their predecessors. We have always pioneered much and have always achieved much. We can all stand erect and hold our heads high.

What about the future? Looking into the crystal ball we can visualize many rapid changes in the art and science of medicine. We can visualize also many medical socio-economic problems ahead of us. It is safe to assume that, as in the past, Hampden will tackle with vigor whatever problems may come along. It is safe to assume also that we will not rest on our past accomplishments but rather use them as a foundation for even greater accomplishments in the future.

Therefore, we salute the HDMS of today and of tomorrow just as we salute the HDMS of yesterday on its completion of 125 years of a very useful and fruitful existence.

Theodore R. Miner, M. D.

HAMPDEN CAPSULES

The following have been appointed to serve on the Scholarship Committee: Dr. Ralph T. Miller, (3 yrs.), Dr. Lincoln B. Wales (2 yrs.), Dr. Stanley S. Stusick (1 yr.).

Representing the HDMS, Past President Dr. Palermo and P-R Councilor Dr. LaMarche participated in a TV panel discussion on WWLP Sunday, December 13, 4:00 P.M. on the topic of "The High Cost of Medicine."

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Eugene J. Niegorski, M.D. has transferred to non-resident membership of the MMS.

The Woman's Auxiliary under the chairmanship of Mrs. E. Beauchamp, Jr., spent two days at the Society offices sending notices to the participants in the Diabetes Detection Drive.

Pre-Council Meeting

Attending the Pre-Council meeting of January 8, 1965 were the following: Drs. Barnes, Emery, Hayes, Johnson, Miller, Millman, Miner, O'Malley, Palermo, Potsubay, Reilly, (Executive Councilor), Rini, and Tillman.

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H. Bernard Tillman, M.D.
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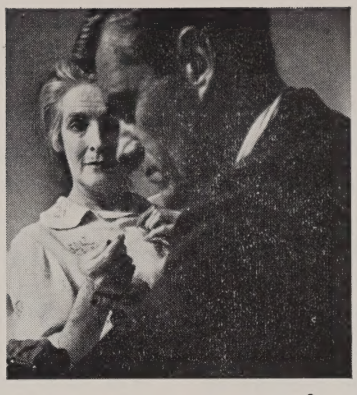

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THE FOUNDERS OF THE HAMPDEN DISTRICT MEDICAL SOCIETY

by GARRY deN. HOUGH, Jr., M.D., Past President, HDMS

(From an address delivered before the Society on April 27, 1954.)

On May 28, 1840, the following petition was received by the Massachusetts Medical Society:

"To the Councilors of the Massachusetts Medical Society: The subscribers, a majority of the Fellows of said society, resident in the County of Hampden, hereby request that a district medical society, comprising all the fellows of the Massachusetts Medical Society residing within the limits of said county, may be established; to be called the Hampden District Medical Society; the meeting of which shall be held in the town of Springfield. Signed:

Joseph H. Flint	Springfield
William Bridgman	Springfield
George Hooker	Springfield
Bela B. Jones	Springfield
Reuben Champion	West Springfield
John Appleton	Westfield
L. W. Humphries	Southwick
Aaron King	Palmer"

These eight signers were indeed "a majority of the Fellows" of the MMS resident in this county. The 1840 catalogue of the Society listed fourteen members there. It would be interesting to discuss all of these colleagues, as well as such others contributing to medical care who might not be members of the Society. Membership in the Society was not too easily achieved at this time, and it by no means included all medical practitioners. However such an undertaking would lead us far afield and we might better concentrate on our Founders.

The first signature on our application is that of Joseph H. Flint. Joseph Henshaw Flint was born in Leicester, Massachusetts on April 20, 1786, in the immediate post-revoluntionary period. He received an Honorary M.D. from Harvard in 1825.

Dr. Flint practiced for a long time in Petersham and then removed to Northampton. Exactly when these periods were, we do not know. However in 1826, when he was the 19th Orator for the Massachusetts Medical Society, he was listed as being from Northampton. His subject on that occasion was "On the Prophylactic Management of Infants and Children". At this time Dr. Flint was a councilor of the State Society.

The Hampshire Society was organized in 1831, nine years before we were. Their application also was signed by Dr. Flint. When this was granted by the MMS on October 5, the charter of the Hampshire Society was transmitted to Dr. Joseph H. Flint of Northampton.

We are not certain just when in the 1830's Dr. Flint came to Springfield. Copeland (1), a local historian, says that it was in 1837. He practiced here

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until his death November 11, 1846, at the age of 60. At one time he was associated in practice with Dr. Bela B. Jones. He was a man of marked ability and is reported (again by Copeland), to have had a large practice. It was said of him that he was the most valued consultant in this region.

By inference some additional evaluation of Dr. Flint may be obtained by consideration of his distinguished son, by his first marriage, Austin Flint, and his even more famous grandson Austin Flint Jr. Austin Flint Sr., was referred to as "the American Laennec". He carried on his practice in New York, was active in medical education and made numerous contributions to medical literature. His magnum opus entitled "Treatise On The Principles and Practice of Medicine" was published in Philadelphia in 1866. He was Professor of The Principles and Practice of Medicine in old Bellevue Hospital Medical College as early as April 5, 1861, and retained this same title with the addition "and Clinical Medicine" at the time of the reorganization of that school in 1872. He established and directed in 1872, a medical clinic at the New York Bureau for the Out-door Poor.

Austin Flint Jr. was closely associated with his father in New York and in Bellevue. On April 23, 1861, he was Professor of Physiology at the Bellevue Hospital Medical School. On October 23, 1861, he was Secretary of this Faculty, and on April 4, 1862, he was further elected Treasurer of the Faculty. He took active part in the teaching at the first summer session held at the school in 1867. At the time of reorganization of the Faculty in 1872, he was appointed Professor of Physiology and Physiological Anatomy and Secretary of the Faculty.

His greatest contribution and fame was his original description of the diastolic mitral rumble occasionally heard in Aortic insufficiency.

Second Co-founder

Dr. William Bridgman is the second signer of our application. He was born in 1784, but we do not know just where. He was two years older than Dr. Flint, being 56 years old, when this society was founded. He had been a member of the Massachusetts Medical Society for 18 years, being accepted in 1822, at the age of 38. He practiced medicine in Springfield throughout his long career until his death in 1864, in his eightieth year. During the period from 1857 to 1859, and again from 1862 to 1864, he was apparently inactive. Where he was and what he was doing during these periods, I have been unable to ascertain.

In addition to being one of our founders and of practicing medicine here for over half a century, Dr. Bridgman has one other claim to our recognition. He was one of the 13 delegates from the Massachusetts Medical Society to the newly formed American Medical Association at its second

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Dr. Bridgman was the only representative of Springfield, then in its 11th year as a city.

Dr. George Hooker, the third signer of our application was a native of Springfield being born here on March 17, 1793. He was 47 years old when the Hampden District Society was organized, somewhat younger than the first two signers, Dr. J. H. Flint and Dr. William Bridgman.

We must distinguish Dr. George Hooker from Dr. John Hooker and his son Dr. Charles, both of whom were prominent Springfield practitioners of medicine. So far as I have been able to ascertain these two families were not related, certainly not closely.

Dr. George Hooker was the seventh in line of descent from the Reverend Thomas Hooker of Hartford who established one of the family lines of Hookers in this country. Dr. George was the son of the Honorable Judge John Hooker, a prominent member of the local Bar and Sarah Dwight Hooker, also a member of a distinguished family.

Like his father and all of his brothers he graduated from Yale, his class being that of 1814. On January 20, 1819, he married Rachel Breck of Northampton, and they established their home in Long Meadow (written then as two separate words). Here they reared a family of four sons and four daughters, and here he practiced medicine until his death on March 14, 1884, (2).

Dr. George Hooker had a distinguished cousin, Dr. Charles, who was Professor of Anatomy and Physiology at Yale Medical School, from soon after his graduation there in 1820, until his death, March 19, 1863.

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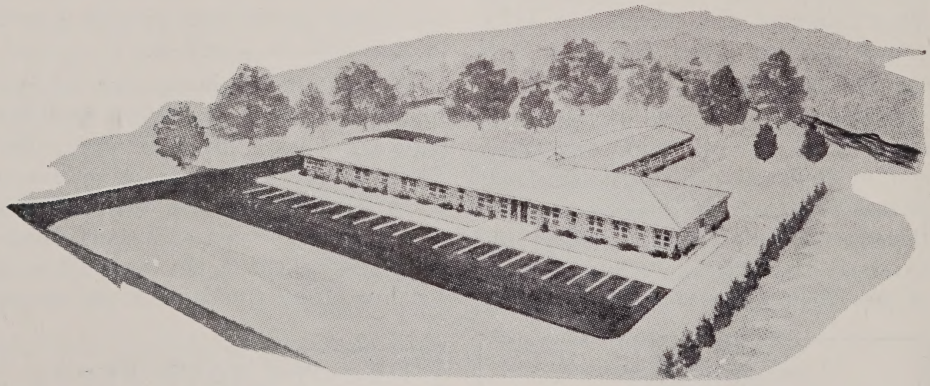

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George had an older brother John, also a physician who was born December 15, 1791, who graduated from Yale in 1810. He also had a brother-in-law in the medical profession, Dr. Enoch Hale of Boston. Obviously the tradition of medicine was dominent in the family.

Fourth Co-founder

The fourth and final Springfield founder was Bela B. Jones, concerning whom we have been able to learn very little. His birthplace and date of birth are unknown. However, Dr. Bela Barber Jones apparently believed in associated endeavor. Not only was he instrumental in establishing this society but also he was associated in practice with Joseph Henshaw Flint of whom we have just spoken. Further, he was for a time an associate of Dr. Joshua Frost. This probably antedated his professional connection with Dr. Flint, and is of particular significance because of the importance of Dr. Frost. Dr. Frost was one of our earliest well educated physicians of Springfield. He was born in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, on December 2, 1766, and graduated from Harvard College, with the degree of B.A. in 1793. In addition to his medical work, Dr. Frost was politically active, serving as State Senator in 1826, and in 1827.

Reuben Champion of West Springfield was the fifth physician to sign our application for organization. He has a most interesting story. There were three men by this name. The first Reuben Champion was, like his grandson, a physician. He practiced in Saybrook, Connecticut and removed to Springfield in the early part of the Revolutionary War, saying that this move was made in order that his family "might be in a more retired place and away from the liability of intrusion from the opposing military forces". When his family was safely settled in Springfield, Dr. Champion and his two young sons, Reuben and Medes, entered the Continental Army. Here he served as a Surgeon, dying at Fort Ticonderoga in 1777.

Reuben Champion, the younger, returned to West Springfield, where he also had two sons. The younger son, born in West Springfield in 1784, (ten years after the separation of West Springfield from Springfield) received the traditional family name. This Reuben Champion, the youngest, was the signer of our application. He received his early education at the Academy in West Springfield and then "read medicine", as the preceptorship system of medical instruction was then described, in the office of Dr. Samson of that town. He subsequently attended Dartmouth Medical School, where he formed a close contact with Dr. Nathan Smith, the distinguished founder of that school.

Dr. Champion continued his medical education, attending a course of lectures in New York City, but in 1809, when he was 25 years old, "at

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the request of his fellow citizens" he returned to West Springfield to practice. He rapidly attained distinction and in 1812, when only 28, he was elected a Fellow of the Massachusetts Medical Society. He was an active and ardent Jeffersonian Democrat and took a prominent part in political affairs. Like Dr. Joshua Frost, he was a member of the Massachusetts Senate. He continued in his practice for over fifty years, dying in 1865, at the age of 81 years.

Sixth Co-founder

Dr. John Appleton of Westfield, number six of our founders, was the first secretary of the Hampden District Society. He served from 1840 to 1842, (according to Copeland). Unfortunately beyond this I can tell you nothing concerning him. Had the fire of 1875, not destroyed our early records, it is possible we might be able to infer much concerning him and his personality. Certainly, he must have had the esteem of his contemporaries.

L. W. Humphries of Southwick, number seven on our list was Levi W. Humphries, the son of Levi. He was born in Simsbury, Connecticut, on April 28, 1792. He studied medicine with Dr. Bester of Simsbury, and located in Southwick in 1818, when he was twenty-six years old. He was said to be a graduate of a medical school, but where and when he received his degree is not known. He rapidly rose to eminence in his profession. He practiced in Southwick Village until within a few years of his death, which occurred April 2, 1850, at the age of fifty-eight years. It is recorded that he was a man of good natural abilities and a respected citizen (3). Like Dr. Frost and Dr. Champion, he was conscious of civic responsibility, being elected a Representative to the General Court for one term. Professor John Stoddard of Smith College in its early days, was a grandson of Dr. Humphries.

Dr. Humphries participated in the preceptorship system not only as a student but as a teacher. In the early 1830's, we find a record of Joseph William Rockwell studying under him, and subsequently graduating from the Berkshire Medical Institute in 1833.

After a period of practice in Ohio, Dr. Rockwell returned to New England, settling in Cabotville (now Chicopee) where he practiced from 1842 to 1844. At this time, Dr. Humphries was in poor health and thinking of his former student he prevailed upon Dr. Rockwell to return to Southwick.

Like Dr. Humphries, Dr. Rockwell held public offices being member of the school committee, selectman, and a justice of the peace, both in Ohio and in Massachusetts.

Again referring to Copeland's History written in 1902, fifty years after his death, Dr. Humphries was then "remembered as a good country practicioner". In Copeland's original report, the term was not capitalized and

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Eighth Co-founder

Finally Aaron King of Palmer completes the list. (4) Dr. King joined the Massachusetts Medical Society in 1816. He died in 1861, aged 79. It may therefore be calculated that he was born in 1782, and was 58 at the time of the organization of this Society. He was the oldest of the group, Bridgman and Chapman being 56, Flint 54, Humphries 48, and Hooker 47.

Dr. King practiced in Palmer for many years. He was much respected as a physician both by the laity and by the profession. In the later part of his life, he adopted the then popular school of homeopathy. (4) While we might not agree with his acceptance of a special "school" or theory of medicine, this indicates a certain amount of determination on his part, as well as acceptance of new concepts.

Dr. King was the fourth American generation from John King his English ancestor. This John King was an original settler of Palmer coming there from Boston. At the time of its settlement, this area was known as The Elbow District or the Elbow Tract. From the appearance of Dr. King, whose likeness I have been able to obtain, this nomenclature must have been on a geographical rather than a physiclogical basis.

Such were the men responsible for our organization; Flint, Bridgman, Jones, Champion, Humphries, Appleton and King. Let us all exert ourselves to the limit of our ability to keep this society what they hoped it would be, a united source of competent, adequate medical practice for the people of this area.

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(3) "History of the Connecticut Valley in Massachusetts." Lewis H. Evarts, Phd.

(4) "The Early Physicians of Hampden County." Dr. Marshall Calkins. 1/29/02.

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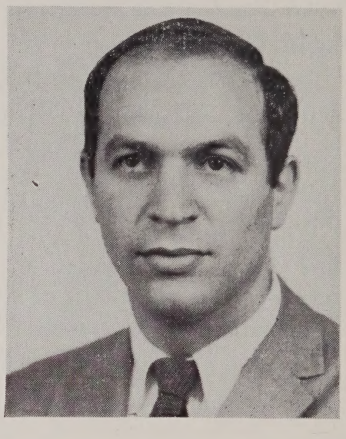

Medical School:
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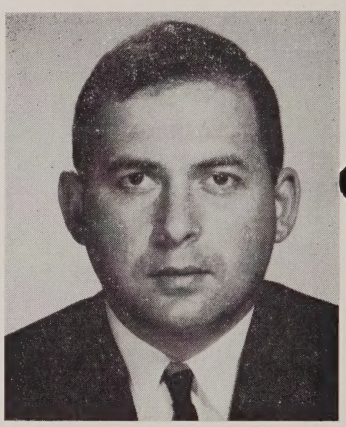

Medical School:
Tufts University, 1956

Internship:
Beth Israel Hospital, Boston.

Residency:
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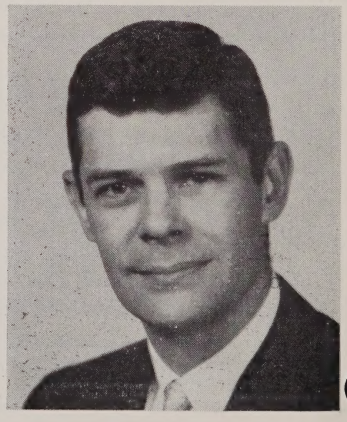

Medical School:
University of Vermont,
College of Medicine, 1961

Internship:
DeGoesbriand Memorial Hospital,
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Residency:
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Specialty:
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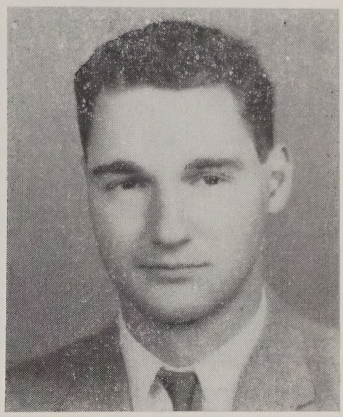

Medical School:
Tufts University, 1960

Internship:
St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton, Mass.

Residency:
St. Louis Hospital, St. Louis, Mo.

Specialty:
Ophthalmology

FRANCIS A. KANSKI, M.D.
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Born: Rockville, Conn., Dec. 27, 1911

Medical School:
St. Louis University, 1939

Internship:
Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Mass.

Specialty:
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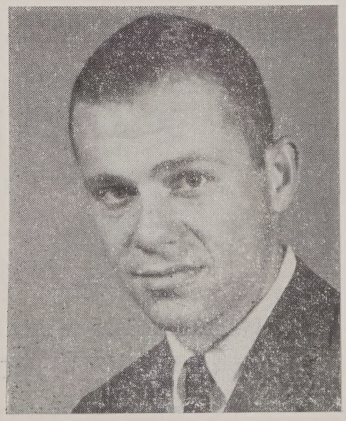

Medical School:
University of Michigan Medical School, 1959

Internship:
King's County, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Residency:
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Ann Arbor, Michigan

Specialty:
Neurology

AHMED FOUAD MOUCHANTAT, M.D.
Office: 780 Chestnut St., Springfield.
Born: Aleppo, Syria, December 25, 1924

Medical School:
French Faculty of Medicine,
Beirut, Lebanon, 1950

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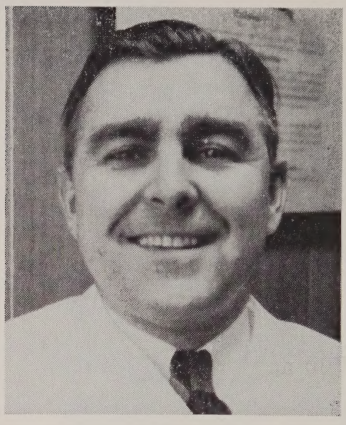

WALTON EUGENE STEVENS, M.D.
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Medical School:
Temple University, 1948

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MEETING PLACES OF THE HDMS FROM 1840 to 1965

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The destruction of the Society's records by fire in 1875 is a discouraging barrier to knowledge of the earliest place used for Society meetings. However, from records preserved since that time, we find indications of several meeting places. In 1875 - 1878 such places as the Alderman's Room in City hall, Haynes House at the corner of Main and Pynchon Streets, Massasoit House across from Union Railroad Station on Main Street, the Common Council Chambers at Holyoke, and the residence of J. H. Waterman in Westfield, were all recorded as meeting places. From 1882 to the present time, the records tell of dependence largely on hotels for Society gatherings: Windsor Hotel in Holyoke, the Warwick, Glendower, Worthy and Cooley in Springfield; and from 1812 - 1940 and even into the 1950's the Roger Smith in Holyoke.

A brief "case report" on the manner of announcing Society meetings and the conduct of business during those years may be of some interest. Sixty or seventy years ago Society members received neatly printed notices on postal cards announcing: "The next regular (annual or special) meeting of the Society will be held at Massasoit House on April 21, 1891 at 3 PM. . . . The annual assessment of dues is payable at that time. Dinner will be at the expense of the Society at 5:15." On another occasion a meeting called for September 30, 1890 at Hotel Glendower announced that the supper would be served at 5 PM "at expense of $1.00"!

One interesting meeting was called for July 18, 1899 as follows:

> "A regular meeting of the Society will be held at Mt. Tom. The meeting will be called to order on board special car at Court Square at 11:30 A.M. Dinner (following the trolley car ride!) will be served on the mountain."

Still another was called by a postcard from the Secretary-Treasurer for July 20, 1909. This notice called the brethren to a meeting "on the steamer Sylvia at the foot of Elm Street" and advised that the meeting would be immediately adjourned to Riverside Grove where, after crossing the Connecticut River, "a paper by Dr. Elliot P. Joslin, will be given, followed by

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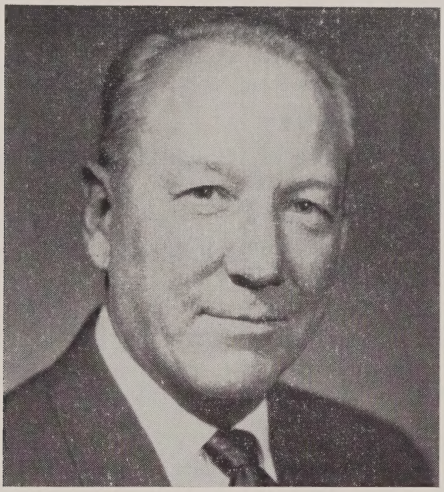

Donovan Frederick Ward, M.D., of Dubuque, Iowa, was elected President-Elect of the American Medical Association at its Annual Convention in June, 1964. He succeeded to the office of President upon the death of Dr. Norman A. Welch on Sept. 10, 1964.

Dr. Ward was born in Dubuque in 1904, and has practiced surgery there since 1931, with the exception of four wartime years as a Navy surgeon.

He received his MD degree from the University of Iowa College of Medicine in 1930, and interned at St. Mary's Hospital, Detroit.

Doctor Ward is chief of the surgical section of Dubuque's Finley Hospital, senior surgeon at Mercy Hospital and consulting surgeon for Xavier Hospital.

From 1954 to his election as President-Elect of the AMA, Doctor Ward was AMA Vice President (1963-64) and an AMA delegate from the Iowa Medical Society. He has been a delegate since 1946.

Doctor Ward holds fellowships in the American College of Surgeons and the International College of Surgeons. He is a member of the professional education committee of the Iowa division of the American Cancer Society and, in 1949, co-authored the Iowa Cancer Manual.

He has held offices in several civic and fraternal organizations and is a member of the Iowa "I" Club. He is a co-organizer and member of the Board of Directors of Life Investors of Iowa, and a member of the Board of Investors Life Company of Iowa.

Married to the former Marjorie Mary Plass, the Wards have three children, Mrs. Janice Walton, Mrs. Sarah Ann Wilke and John Thomas.

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baseball and other sports. Shore Dinner at 5 PM." According to records the members returned (condition not stated) to the boat at 6:30. The boat trip was at the expense of the Society. Dinner, again, was $1.00!

By Train to Monson

Still another noteworthy meeting was one held on July 11, 1911 at the Monson State Hospital with transportation by train from Springfield. Lunch was announced for 2:45 and after the meeting a ball game was held.

By 1914 Society meetings were being held at the quarters of the Academy of Medicine at 349 State Street, Springfield. An occasional summer meeting would be held in July at the Clambake Pavilion in Riverside Park, Agawam. The cost for dinner was $2.00 and the Society paid one-half. Dues in 1913 had been $4.00 and by 1915 were $5.00.

In the 1940's Society members met in the library of the Professional Building at 20 Maple Street, at the Highland Hotel, Longmeadow Country Club and Springfield Academy of Medicine at 43 Spring Street. At least once, a meeting was held at Classical High School. In the 1950's and to the present time, the Society has met in public places including: Hotels Kimball and Roger Smith, Rovelli's, Hartman's and Toto's Restaurants, Storrowton, Soldier's Home in Holyoke, Springfield Municipal Hospital, and Crestview and Shaker Farms Country Clubs.

At Last — A Permanent Home

During all these years until 1960 the secretarial work of correspondence, record-keeping, and maintenance of Treasurer's accounts was carried on by the individual officers themselves, utilizing personal office space and personnel. By 1960 it had become apparent that the increasing involvement of individual physicians and of the Society membership as a whole in the medical life of the community warranted the establishment of an office for more satisfactory management of Society affairs. Accordingly, on Jan. 31, 1961, it was voted: "that the HDMS secure and prepare headquarters behind the library in the space provided by the Academy of Medicine at Springfield Municipal Hospital and hire a paid professional secretary. . . ." A New Office Committee was appointed: Doctors Malcolm Allan, Wayne Barnes and Robert Grogan, with Dr. Howard B. Brown as Chairman. At the annual meeting on April 25, 1961, it was voted to raise the

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A Look Into Its Past

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Hooker before the Ethics and Discipline Committee in Boston. Dr. Hooker had presented his credentials to the Board of Censors in 1866. The Board reported adversely on the ground that his diploma purporting to come from the Berkshire Medical College was deemed a forgery. However, in 1870 a new Board had accepted him. This act debarred the State Society from further action and in protest the District president at once resigned. Prior to his admission Dr. Hooker was a patentee and advertised as "Hooker's Cough and Croup Syrup" which he, however, disclaimed having an interest in, at the time he was examined. To quote the minutes: "Whether Dr. Hooker has or has not any pecuniary or personal interest in said proprietory medicine, we know not, but we do know that he still allows his name to be extensively advertised in connection with same." In spite of these arguments the E & D Committee found for Dr. Hooker.

Problems — 90 Years Ago

Apparently this early Society had problems similar to those of today as revealed by the following resolution voted in 1875 and again in 1879: "Resolved, that the H.D.M.S. disapprove of the practice of publishing accounts of medical cases and operations, in the public papers connected with names of the physicians, and request the various papers published in this county to refrain from mentioning the name of members of this Society in connection with such cases." In 1894 it was voted to send a list of all members of the

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One recurring situation which made the District Society see red, was to discover one of its members associating in any manner with homeopaths. A member found guilty of consulting with a homeopath risked expulsion from the society.

The annual meeting of 1876, with sixteen members present, produced lively balloting for president. On the fourth ballot Dr. David Clark won with a vote of seven to six. Secretary Chapin commented: "The modesty of Dr. Clark's speech which followed was only equalled by the applause which greeted it."

At one of the meetings Dr. H. G. Stickney reported a case of goiter which did not improve much, if any, under any kind of treatment adopted until the woman by advice of a friend began to use burnt sea sponge after which considerable improvement in the patient's disease was discernible.

Dr. Owen spoke of a case of diabetes which he treated with raw beef, and asked the society's experience regarding its use in such cases. Dr. W. J. Sawin reported a case treated with skimmed milk, the patient using six to eight quarts daily. Dr. L. D. Brooks used butter and arrow root which he felt had merit.

The diseases which plagued and concerned these early heroes most, were diphtheria, typhoid, summer diarrhea, and malaria in season. Many sessions were devoted to the discussion of diphtheria and each member seemed to have a pet formula for gargles, most of which contained chlorine in varying strengths.

In 1882 Dr. H. Gamwell of Westfield presented a paper entitled, "Progress." He contended that the practitioner of the day should be more liberal and be willing to adjust to new ideas and methods without prejudice. He argued that women should be allowed to enter the medical colleges and be admitted to the Society. He said women practitioners were a fact and would be better if accorded more privileges and allowed more advantages. Dr. Hosmer, president of the State Society, being present, expressed his strong opposition. He felt that the time had not yet come for this step. Quote: "The Society will move slowly and with care, wishing in all matters to act wisely and for the best good of all."

In Defense of Harvard

President J. C. White of the State Society addressed the District in 1892 and spoke of the valuable work being done by the Harvard Medical College. He regretted that some of the graduates of that institution had been rejected as members of the State Society and intimated that the fault must be on the part of the examining boards.

By 1900 the District consisted of 117

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members and the specter of socialized medicine was raising its ugly head. The District resolved that the contracting of medical men with corporations, societies or individuals is unprofessional and further resolved that the secretary procure the signatures of so many of the members as is possible to this resolution.

In 1906 following a paper entitled "Contracted Pelvis", Dr. Clark protested that the cost of Cesarean section was so great in many institutions that it was prohibitive.

The July 1909 meeting had nostalgic appeal. The members met at the foot of Elm St., boarded the Steamer Sylvia and the meeting was called to order. Upon arriving at Riverside Grove they assembled in the pavillion to hear Dr. Elliot P. Joslin speak on "Diet in Diseases of the Stomach." The remainder of the afternoon was given up to baseball and a shore dinner prepared by the able Captain Smith. One last quote from the minutes—a poignant entry made by Dr. Hervey L. Smith during World War I:

July 1918—"No Summer Meeting held, 'War is Hell.'"

Oct. 1918—"No Fall Meeting—Flu and War."

Jan. 1919—"No January Meeting—War over—Flu rampant."

By the twenties the society had expanded to the point where it no longer had quite the personal touch of the earlier period; the minutes lose the revealing comment about individual members, attendance ranges from sixty to one hundred members, and the handwriting becomes more difficult to decipher. Each of the earlier meetings was an intimate story in itself and reminds one of a private medical club.

Changes in medical education, the size of the organization and the multiplicity of medical meetings have wrought a marked change in the tenor of the District meetings. Since the thirties the meetings have dealt less with the exchange of purely medical intelligence and have come to deal more with legislative, political, and socio-economic problems. We should not forget the heritage our pioneering medical predecessors in Hampden District have left to us and of which we may be justly proud.

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While the two prime objectives of the Auxiliary as stated in the Constitution are (1) To further the purposes of the Hampden District Medical Society, and (2) to promote acquaintanceship among physicians' families and stimulate a feeling of local cooperation, many other worthwhile projects have been successfully undertaken.

The White Cap Ball, an annual event for the last twelve years, has been a highlight of the fall social season, and is also the only fund raising activity of the Auxiliary. Since its inception over $20,000 has been raised and numerous nursing and health career scholarships have been given to girls entering hospitals in the Hampden District area.

The American Medical Association Education and Research Fund has been a project which the AMA has particularly stressed in the last few years. Various methods are used for money raising, such as selling stationery, sympathy cards, Christmas cards, etc., and by giving donations in honor of physicians marking fifty years of

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The Legislative chairman has kept members well informed of pending bills pertaining to the medical profession. The Medicare Bill currently before Congress has been of chief interest in recent years. Leaflets have been distributed, letters written, and speakers sent out to interested organizations, expressing the physicians' views on the Bill.

Some highlights in the organization's service program have been assistance to the HDMS in their annual Diabetes Detection program and Polio Immunization clinics; collection of medical instruments for the U.S.S. Springfield for distribution to needy countries in the Mediterranean; participation in a survey of available sites for a Mental Health Center; and even helping in the decorating of Medical Society headquarters.

Apart from formal business activities, we have enjoyed luncheon meetings with most interesting speakers, Christmas teas, fashion shows, art exhibits and even a wine tasting session. We feel that the Auxiliary is serving well its initial purposes of promoting friendships as well as helping the District Society.

Under the able leadership of our past and present presidents listed below much more has been accomplished than has been outlined in this short history.

1950-51 Mrs. James Seaman; 1951-52 Mrs. Roger Cheney; 1952-53 Mrs. Martin Gaynor; 1953-54 Mrs. Alfred Glickman; 1954-55 Mrs. Azel Barney; 1955-56 Mrs. Aldo Leani; 1956-57 Mrs. George Ross; 1957-58 Mrs. William Devlin; 1958-59 Mrs. Elmer Franseen; 1959-60 Mrs. Arthur Gramse; 1960-61 Mrs. Harry Baker; 1961-62 Mrs. Charles D'Avanzo; 1962-63 Mrs. James Hartshorn, and 1963-64 Mrs. Charles Diamond.

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REPORT OF ACTIONS OF THE AMA's HOUSE OF DELEGATES CLINICAL CONVENTION

November 29 — December 2, 1964

Dr. Donovan F. Ward of Dubuque, Iowa, who became President of the AMA following the tragic death of Norman Welch, opened the meeting with an excellent address reaffirming the AMA's opposition to King-Anderson type of legislation. The House took no action on three resolutions which would have altered the AMA's position on health care legislation. Instead the House adopted a resolution which urged "component associations to stimulate the state and local governments to seek the fullest possible implementation of existing mechanisms, including the voluntary health insurance principal, to the end that every one in need, regardless of age, is assured that necessary health care will be available. Throughout the discussions concerning proposals from Michigan and Washington, D.C., there was considerable reasoned argument and much less impassioned oratory than one has heard in the past, when the subject of medical care for the aged was under discussion. One got the impression that the position of no compromise was justified more on a matter of timing than that the resolutions of Michigan and District of Columbia were unsound. It was even implied that an extra session of the House of Delegates might be necessary after Congress had met and after Representative Wilbur D. Mills (D-Ark.) had asserted his position.

Dr. James Z. Appel of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, who has been vice chairman and a member of the Board of Trustees since 1957, was named President-elect of the AMA, to take office June, 1965.

A new teletype communications system, which would bring the state societies and the AMA in much more close contact than previously, was voted. This communications system was to be voluntary as far as state participation was concerned. The expense was considered to be quite reasonable.

No increase in dues was voted.

The following updated position on human reproduction was voted:

1.) An intelligent recognition of the problems that relate to human reproduction, including the need for population control, is more than a matter of responsible parenthood; it is a matter of responsible medical practice.

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4.) The AMA shall take the responsibility for disseminating information to physicians by whatever means possible on all phases of human reproduction, including behavior.

In taking this action, the House also recommended that the AMA cooperate with the appropriate voluntary organizations in the field of human reproduction which have adequate medical direction.

A resolution from Massachusetts concerning the need and cost of Mental Health Clinics, was referred to the Board of Trustees for study.

A variety of other reports and resolutions were acted upon, and these are more completely reported in the AMA News of December 7, 1964.

Your reporter had the privilege of serving on a reference committee and found it most stimulating. All the Mass. Delegates and alternate delegates were present as well as the Secretary, President and President-elect of the MMS.

It is again urged that all those physicians who have something to say in the many issues that face American Medicine at this time attend a meeting of the AMA and say what they have to say before the reference committees where unrestricted debate is the order of the day. The annual meeting this year will be held in June, in New York within easy distance for the members of Hampden District.

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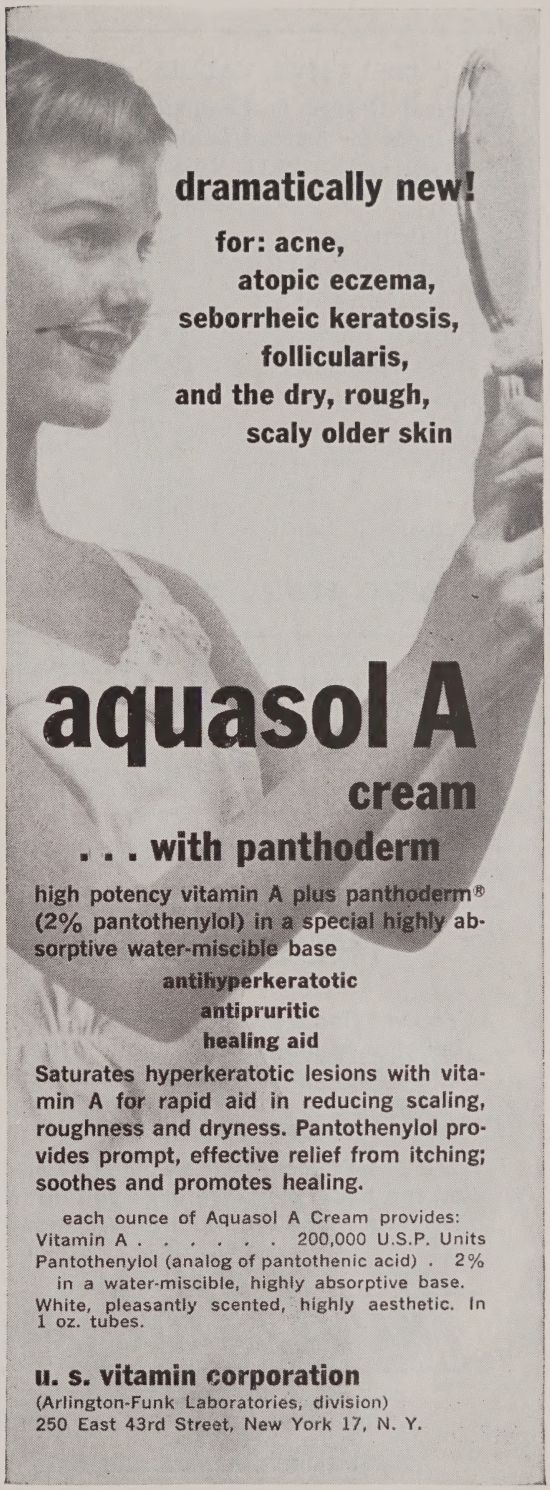
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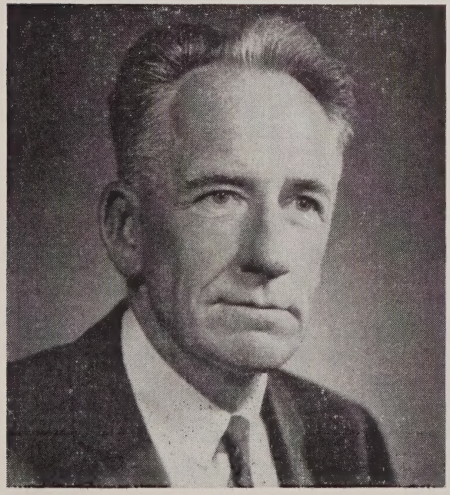

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Prologue

"The Hampden Hippocrat", official organ of the HDMS was founded in March, 1942 by Drs. Edward P. Bagg and W.A.R. Chapin. Other members of the original Board of Editors were the late Dr. Patrick Gear of Holyoke and Dr. George Steele of Springfield. President of Society at that time was Dr. George B. Corcoran, Sr.

Initially the main purpose of the Hippocrat was to keep the membership in the Armed Forces informed of what was going on back home.

With the termination of the war the "Hippocrat" shifted its emphasis to other purposes and since then has tried to chronicle every Society event of significance or importance. As a consequence even a cursory scanning of the bulletin's 20 volumes offers a fair idea of the Society's historical highlights since 1942.

1942 - 1950

As time went on more and more of our members joined the armed forces but in the very first issue of "The Hippocrat" we find only 16 names listed:

Agnew, J. R.	Buddington, H.F.
Bruce, J. G.	Carson, Parker C.
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Coen, William B.	Feldman, Noah N.
Feldman, Samuel R.	Feinberg, Robert
Glickman, Alfred	Lake, Frederic
Palmer, E. J.	Schillander, Carl
Segal, Samuel	Weisman, Jacob I.

The same issue carried a message from Dr. Frank Lahey, then President of the AMA. It carried also a communication from Mrs. J. Graham Bruce (Springfield) which read in part: "As to where Graham is, I don't know. I received a cable from him December 24, saying 'All safe', but of course Manilla has been taken since. . ." In the issues that followed we find letters from our servicemen on the far flung battlefields of World War II. Signatures include those of Drs.: C. A. Schillander, Charles Gill, Noah Feldman, Bill Geran, Bill Teahan, Sam Fox, Larry Putnam, Ted Schwartz, and others.

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umes of the "Hippocrat".

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The "Hippocrat" has always urged the members to send in whatever ideas, criticism, etc. may come to their minds. In understandable exasperation the editor published in a 1947 issue the following:

> **"This space was reserved for the article you failed to contribute to the Hippocrat."**

One of the 1948 issues carried a report of a gala affair at Toto's in honor of Dr. Bagg's election to the presidency of the MMS. Topic of the March, 1949, meeting was "Convulsive Disorders." We learn from the Summer, 1949, issue that a new set of by-laws was finally adopted — the first since 1875. The first Emergency Medical Committee was appointed in 1950. A questionnaire report in the same issue showed that only 5 members were against continuing the "Hippocrat." Bishop Weldon addressed a joint meeting of the Society and its Auxiliary.

1951 - 1958

In 1951 a member opined that Western Mass. should have a medical school. The following year we learn that the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke opened its doors. The new Holyoke Hospital was completed in 1953. In 1954 the Mass. Mutual Life Insurance Co. invited the HDMS to a dinner on February 23. In the Fall, 1955 issue, Dr. Derby, then president of the Society, wrote as follows:

> "A doctor's real reward essentially is not fame nor wealth, not medals nor honors but rather the respect of and the trust placed in him by the community which he serves."

In the same year the first series of Health Forums was held in the Auditorium of the Technical High School. The Summer, 1956, issue of the "Hippocrat" carried the Report of the Special Study Committee of which Dr. Cheney was chairman. This study had far reaching effects leading to the

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formation of several new committees. It also announced the second series of Health Forums. These Forums attracted large audiences and mark a major event in the annals of Hampden's numerous activities. The new Hippocrat questionnaire showed that 94% liked the bulletin and that 69% preferred receiving it 10 times, instead of 4 times, annually.

1957 was a big and critical year for the "Hippocrat". In January of that year it began to appear on a monthly basis. Shortly afterwards, it began to welcome new members by publishing their dossiers and photos. In the April issue it reprinted an item from the "Massachusetts Physician" which read: "We doff our hats to Hampden District. Its constructive approach to problems affecting its members deserves emulation by all the District Societies in Massachusetts." A Special Meeting, sponsored by the Medico-Legal Committee, was attended by 225 doctors and lawyers. A sound movie entitled "The Medical Witness" was then presented. Dr. W. W. Bauer, Editor of Today's Health, was a guest at the annual meeting. The speaker at the September meeting was Dr. Shields Warren, Topic: "Radiation Fallout". The October issue carried a brief history of the Academy of Medicine by W.A.R. Chapin which he presented at the Academy's 50th Anniversary dinner-meeting held on March 13, 1957. In November we were urged to support the Jenkins-Keough Bill.

The February, 1958, issue carried a splendid item on Civil Defense by Dr. George Vassos. The March issue carried the proposed Medico-Legal

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Code, formulated jointly with the Hampden County Bar Association. At the February meeting the speaker was Attorney Joseph Schneider who spoke on "Malpractice". The District Society participated in Science Fairs for the second year in succession. A special meeting to consider the recommendations of the Committee on Insurance, Labor Relations, and Industrial Accidents was held on May 6. The problem of rehabilitation was very much in the news. The by-laws of the greater Springfield Rehabilitation Service, Inc. were published in September of 1958.

1959 - 1965

The January, 1959, issue carried the results of a poll on the question of Social Security for physicians. 285 were in favor; 101 against. In October, 1959, the "Hippocrat" began to publish the "Doctor and His Hobby Series", continuing it for several months. In the same issue Dr. Platt reported on the Unit Value studies of his committee.

In 1960 Mrs. George Ross was installed President of the Woman's Auxiliary to the MMS. At the January meeting a questionnaire showed 366 against the Forand Bill; 2 for it. In April Dr. Memery, much to the regret of all, declared himself unavailable for re-election as secretary. In June the obituary of Dr. Frederic Hagler, past president of the MMS, was published. At the April meeting Dr. Platt made the following recommendations: "(1) That the District favors the principle of a Relative Value System of estimating fees; (2) That a committee be appointed to study and decide on an appropriate Relative Value System for our Society. (3) That the latter committee establish its relative values only after thorough polling of, and instruction from members of the Society." The June issue carried the AMA's 8-point program for the health care of the aged. In the same month the Hampden District Medical Association of Medical Assistants was organized. Hospitals were complaining then, as they do now, about the intern shortage. In the November issue the advisability of hiring a salaried Executive Secretary was raised. At the December meeting, the pending state medical school legislation was discussed at length.

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(1961) carried a proposed revision of the by-laws which was approved as amended. In February Dr. Allen S. Johnson, Past President of the HDMS retired from private practice. A Chiropractic Bill was again defeated in the state legislature. Defeated also was a bill requiring every physician to serve a monthly 24-hour public call duty. In the March issue we learn that the State of Mass. has implemented the Kerr-Mills Bill. On the 15th of the same month W.A.R. Chapin died. The June issue carried a splendid "Message to Hampden" from Dr. D. W. Wallwork, President of the MMS. In the same issue we read that our new headquarters at 1414 State St. have been completed and occupied. In August a panel discusion on Disaster Medical Care in which several prominent authorities including Dr. F. C. McDonald, Chairman of State Committee on DMC, participated. We learn also that a First Aid in Disaster Demonstration was held at the Springfield College Field House. A Mock Trial under the sponsorship of the Committee on Malpractice and Medico-legal Affairs was held at the Municipal Hospital Auditorium.

In January, 1962, the Society began to publish a series of weekly articles in the Sunday Republican.

In the February issue we learn that Past President John Burke was planning to leave this area for Tennessee. In March the "Hippocrat" celebrated its 20th anniversary. In April the Auxiliary donated a clock to Society headquarters. Hampden voted against mandatory membership in the AMA. In May Dr. Allen Johnson was named President-elect of the MMS and Dr. Don Hayes was elected a Delegate to the AMA. The September issue carried a very articulate and provocative "Message" from Mrs. James Hart-

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The October issue was devoted to "Public Relations". The following quotation is from an article in the same issue by Everett R. Spencer, Jr., Director, MMS.

> "Medicine must identify its activities and purposes — its principles — with the welfare of the people. This is, admittedly, a difficult job, requiring the use of all public relations techniques and the participation of all physicians."
>
> "To substitute for principle that which may appear to be more acceptable or palatable to the general public in the name of public relations is a hazardous expedient — the first step along the merry road to oblivion."

The November issue dealt with "Medical Care for the Aged", while the December issue concerned itself with "Medical Ethics". The leading article was written by Dr. A. S. Johnson, then President-elect of the MMS. Another item in the same issue entitled "Ethics and Wolley Segap" begins as follows:

> "Members of the Society are reminded of the action of the district meeting on September 25, 1962 when it was 'resolved that Yellow Page telephone listing be limited to address, specialty, and office hours in the telephone directory of area where doctor's office or home is located, as advocated by the Judicial Council of the AMA",

The March 1963 issue of the "Hippocrat" was dedicated to indoctrination and orientation. Copies of this issue have been made available since to many of our new members. Dr. Seth Lewis retired that month from practice. In May Dr. Johnson assumed the presidency of the MMS. On June 12 Dr. Edward A. Annis, then president of the AMA addressed a large gathering at the Schine Inn at a dinner meeting co-sponsored with the Joint Civic Agencies. In September Drs. E. P. Bagg and J. B. Bigelow, Holyoke, were honored at a dinner at Crestview Country Club. Speaker at the District Meeting was Mrs. J. W. Forishel of the AMA.

In the January, 1964, issue we learn that Dr. Allen S. Johnson was honored at the December meeting on the occasion of his MMS presidency which he assumed in May, 1963. The same issue carried also a "Medico-Press

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Guide for Cooperation". The February issue announced the forthcoming "Polio Sundays". The leading article in the March number of the Hippocrat was the address which Dr. Lamar Soutter, Dean of University of Massachusetts Medical School, delivered at our February meeting. The Annual Meeting was published in the April issue which carried also an analysis of the HDMS Blue Shield Questionnaire. The May issue announced the new slate of officers, with Dr. Theodore Miner as president. A "Message" from Dr. James M. Baty, President of the MMS was carried in the June issue, which carried also a report of the Fourth Annual Indoctrination Dinner-Meeting. In September we learn with deep sorrow of the sudden death of Dr. Norman Welch of the AMA. The October issue reported Highlights of the September meeting at which Dr. Baty, President of the Massachusetts Medical Society, was guest of honor. The theme of the November issue was Physician-Hospital Relations, while the December issue was dedicated to Religion, Ethics, and Medicine. A notable feature was a special article by Reverend Dr. Paul B. McCleave, of the Department of Medicine and Religion of the AMA. For the first time we find here an announcement that in 1965 the HDMS will celebrate its 125th anniversary.

Epilogue

An analysis of the Hippocrat since its inception some 23 years ago discloses a most impressive list of activities and accomplishments on the part of our District Society. We must realize, however, that these never could have materialized without the great event of 1840 and the 125 years that followed it. Nevertheless, the Hippocrat is pleased to have been in a position to chronicle these achievements even if the coverage applies but to a fraction of Hampden's long and glorious history.

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The essential ingredients for a successful society, whether civic or professional, are comradeship and mutual assistance. William Pynchon was an ideal civic leader, and all towns in this valley owe him thanks. His education, piety, wealth and observance of the laws of personal freedom under Charles I brought him to this country with Governor Winthrop as one of the patentees in the original charter of the Massachusetts colony. His administrative growth as the Governor's assistant, travelling companion, magistrate, and treasurer and developer of Roxbury destined him for increased public service.

His personal selection of the site in Aguam in 1634 and his rescue of the settlement in 1636 are well known, as is his choice of the name of Springfield from his home in England. His lasting contributions to civic development were the philosophies of government based on democratic principles, demonstrated by the Compact of May 15, 1636; of transfer of title to land and other property through purchase and contract, as evidenced by the deed with the Aguam Indians of July 15, 1636; and of mutual assistance, shown by the political union of Aguam with Weathersfield, Hartford and Windsor under a Commission at a Court held in Hartford in November, 1636. When, in 1637, the Pequots killed settlers in Connecticut and attacked the fort at Saybrook this mutual assistance produced an army from Massachusetts, Plymouth and Connecticut; the uprising was crushed.

Pynchon participated in a unique example of assistance which prevented starvation, due to the 1637 interference with care of crops, in the spring of 1638 when he secured from the Pocumtucks 500 bushels of corn and brought by them down the Connecticut in 50 canoes to the settlers.

The victory was so complete that the succeeding 25 years were marked by great tranquility during which William—and John after 1650—developed his fur trade and extended, usually as a voting member and counsellor, democratic principles for both settlers and Indians during the formation of Northampton, Hadley and other

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—Hippocrates

valley towns. Then in 1664 the Pocumtuck empire, centered at the confluence of the Pocumtuck (now the Deerfield) and Connecticut rivers, was demolished in a single fatal day by an attack of the Mohawks. Just as when the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth, no Indians were encountered in 1665 by the group despatched from Dedham to locate 8,000 acres of new suitable land to replace their developed 2,000 acres in Natick. The following year John Pynchon could round up only four Pocumtuck Indians from whom to purchase the title of their former home lands.

No urgent mutual assistance seemed indicated in 1670 when the settlers arrived to establish Deerfield at the northern boundary of the newly authorized vast Hampshire County. Little could they sense that the 38 years of settler-Indian peace would be broken in 1675 by King Philip, son of the famous Massasoit, with his fierce war aimed at settler extermination; or that for 74 years they would serve, sometimes alone, on this northwest boundary of all New England against raids from Canada and the west.

Mutual assistance flowed northward, sometimes arriving too late, from lower Hampshire and Connecticut. The settlers at Deerfield continued to protect the rest of the county, though never abandoning their township; blood, tragedy, and tears were their recurrent lot, especially during the 1704 slaughter which was ended with the taking into captivity in Canada of over 150 persons—more than half of their population.

The cessation of military activities arrived in waves through the treaty with the Indians in 1749, the defeat of the ambitious French from Canada with their Indian allies at Lake George in 1756, and the conclusion of the revolution against the English in 1783. No wonder that there was little desire, as evidenced by the unique Hartford Convention, for participation in the War of 1812; only when the English took Castine, Maine in 1814, when the area was still part of Massachusetts, did mobilization without much military action occur.

The creation of an independent Franklin County in 1811, followed by other sub-divisions of Hampshire County, did not produce a discontinuance of the mutual civic dependency of independent areas. Indeed, they were tied together through the Hartford, Springfield to Greenfield steamer trade on the Connecticut during the 1820's and its replacement in 1846 with the completion of the railroad.

The medical portion of this mutual assistance was necessarily limited to individual physicians who were widely dispersed, but on this occasion may be of even greater interest.

The contributions of George Filer were extremely limited for, after being authorized in 1665 by the Court at Northampton "to practice as a chirurgeon" he removed in 1667 to Westfield and shortly thereafter to Connecticut. Northampton thus had no resident "chirurgeon" for 76 years.

Similarly, Dr. John Westcarr contributed little during his residence in Hadley from 1666 until his death in 1675 where he was also a merchant. His widow created two "firsts" when as Mrs. Beaman she became the first school teacher in Deerfield and when

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The MMS was organized in 1781; the HDMS - - in 1840; the AMA came into being in 1847.

In 1723, after her successful return from captivity with her husband in Canada she became the first in western Massachusetts to bequeath her property "for the benefits of the schools in Deerfield".

Dr. Thomas Hastings, who had been an original settler in Deerfield, removed to Northampton from where he "rode" to "Deerfield, Hadley, Springfield, Suffield, Westfield, Enfield and even Brookfield". He was also the school teacher in Northampton, and was the first to insist on teaching girls the same subjects as the boys thus instituting co-education in New England.

Dr. Thomas Wells was Deerfield's first truly resident physician who covered this area until his early death in 1743 after 16 years of service.

Dr. Thomas Williams was one to whom the entire valley could tip hats about as often as to the Pynchons. An opportunity exists in fact as well as in theory; his military uniform is on continuous exhibit at Williams College, which was created by a donation from his brother Ephraim Williams who was later killed when they both served at Lake George in 1756—the latter as Colonel and the former his Lt. Colonel and surgeon under Sir William Johnson. On the day his brother was killed Dr. Williams, with bullets whistling around him, cared for the wounded who included Baron Dieskau who was in command of the French forces.

Arriving at Deerfield from Newton, Stockbridge and Yale (M.A. 1738) he covered the territory as far north as Claremont and shared leadership with Mather of Northampton and Pynchon of Springfield. He was military surgeon to the abortive expedition towards Canada and to the chain of 13 forts which extended from the Connecticut to Fort Massachusetts in Adams; in 1746 he left this fort with 13 men to replenish the ammunition and other supplies, and two days later the fort fell to the Indians.

In civic matters he was equally dominant. Selectman 2 years; state representative 1; town clerk 17; town moderator 9; special justice of Court of Common Pleas 2, and Judge of the Court for 11. At one of his sittings in Springfield 1,000 men with barrel staves prevented the Court from action; he later voluntarily abandoned the wearing of ermine while sitting, but never relinquished his heart-ties to the Crown which had repeatedly commissioned him and which he had loyally served.

Upon his death in September 1775 he left a physician son and grandson; the three completed 105 years of outstanding community service. The grandson, Stephen W., was an outstanding physician and writer; a professor simultaneously in 5 medical schools, and the first president of Franklin District after being Orator in 1842 of the Massachusetts Medical Society and a co-founder of the American Medical Association at both the New York and Philadelphia meetings.

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The first Jewish physician to settle in this area was Dr. Abraham Wilinsky - 1897.

We have shared other of our physicians with Hampden area. Our Joel Marble died in one of your wells. John Stone, so eminent with us for 20 years that he received an honorary M.D. from Williams College in 1824, practiced in Springfield and owned over 15 acres in the center of the city. Medad Pomeroy of Warwick, after a preliminary warning by a coffin against his door, was held as hostage until the leaders of Shays' Rebellion were freed of their execution. We did not actually share the physician member of the highway robbery team of Captain Lightning and Captain Thunderbolt with you, but his partner was a guest in your jail before he was executed at East Cambridge.

Franklin District has a special interest in Josiah Gilbert Holland, M.D., who received his basic preparation in education, religion and penmanship during his adolescence in our hill town of Heath. The beautiful nook beside the brook where he lived was long known as "Holland Dell", but now is familiar as "The Dell". His ability in penmanship gave him his start in his wide career as a school teacher, and his savings as such allowed his attendance in the Berkshire Medical College in Pittsfield where 43 others from this district were graduated. Entering into practice in Springfield in 1844 he was soon married to Miss Elizabeth Chapin, and in 1849 he became an editor of the Springfield Republican. From his pen, winning him wide renown, came his "Titcomb Letters" and his beautiful poetry; and his portrait of his father in "Daniel Gray" and his stimulating "Wanted — Tall Men" warrant frequent re-reading. Dr. W. A. R. Chapin gave the latter the position of honor in his "History of Medicine in Springfield". He truly was worthy of his service as editor of Scribner's Magazine, which he began in 1876.

As physicians we share the stimulating adventures of medical exploration, accomplishment and establishment attained through independent initiative coupled with mutual assistance. As physicians of Franklin District we salute the comradeship which exists between the members of Hampden District and our own district and wish all of you the best of success and of memories.

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REBROADCASTING 1965

To those of us who have tasted both the bitter concoctions of 19th. century prescribing and present day placebos, the loss of the tincture of nux vomica and castor oil sandwiches seems truly sacrificial. We had one foot planted in the previous century as it were, and the other in the twentieth,—each one of us a veritable Collossus of Rhodes whose arching legs, according to fable, spanned the harbor entrance but allowed full rigged ships to enter. As a matter of fact, one of our number did qualify as a Colossus in terms of years of service to our District Society. He was Hervey Lewis Smith, M.D., of Smith's Ferry and Palm Beach, Florida, whose membership extended for 42 years. He was so everlastingly genial and efficient that his fellow members gladly turned over to him most of the workings of the organization. They let George do their thinking for them as well as manage their finances so long as there was enough left in the kitty to pay for an annual dinner, or underwrite a picnic suds and soft ball at some resort like Hampden Ponds.

One of my earliest medical memories came with a sharp attack of scarlet fever with a sequel of hemorrhagic nephritis. The canny family practitioner who finally pulled me through, later advised me to think twice before electing to follow in his footsteps. Evidently he entertained some doubts of my ability to succeed with what remained. "At $3.00 a head for house calls, and $1.00 for an office fee, you cannot expect to make much over $3,000 yearly," he hinted, "and you will find the life no bed of roses." But when the time came, Dr. Hubbard did let me hang up my shingle in the back bedroom off Mrs. Carney's common dining-waiting room there on Maple Street in Holyoke where Dr. Paul Nathan now holds forth.

Dr. Josias Clarke Hubbard, M.D., was an exceptionally keen physician with an agile, retentive mind who built up a large following, though there were not a few who could not endure the flashes of a wit as sharp as his aquiline profile and the penetrating glance of his dark eyes. For one, his bookkeeper never could catch up with the verbal shuttle-cocks that we used to bat back and forth over her head.

To a fresh recruit, the hieroglyphics on the Hubbard prescription pad were a revelation and at the same time mystifying. Each dot and dash apparently carried a meaning, though the heavy metals were juggled with abandon. In order to make the multiple home calls daily, sometimes right around the clock, horses and buggies were a necessary expense, the smarter the better as might be surmised. I know of at least one spare outfit that Dr. Hubbard loaned to a younger, younger physician,—(no not mine!). The bor-

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rower thereafter looked both busy and prosperous as he dashed about town, but I regret to inform the posterity of both that that extra sparkler in the starry crown of Josias C. was the only recompense that can ever be credited to that transaction like too many others that are listed as uncollectable.

With the advent of the horseless wagons, my Mentor engaged one of the first medical chauffeurs to go with his new French runabout,—a Renault, perhaps,—while I by that time was battling with an Atlas two-seater which sometimes refused to climb even modest hills unless I dismounted and cast a handful of sand in the planetary transmission.

As Dr. Hubbard approached the seventh decade, the strenuous pace that he had set began to catch up with him. Understanding observers noted, especially in cold weather, that the good doctor would pause in his two block walk along Maple Street from house to office and hold onto whatever support came to hand until the anginal attack would pass. When ordered to relax, he chose to fulfill a life-time wish with a voyage to England. But a stomach ailment intervened on reaching London to remind him that he had waited too long. Sometime after his return, he sent for me to drop in and learn his secret,—an epigastric tumor the size of a large orange. Months later the end came for this dedicated follower of Hippocrates, but at the end it was not his sclerotic myocardium that let him down.

J. Clarke Hubbard also was distinguished as a religious man who knew his Bible from cover to cover. He attended church regularly, but he did confess that once he wrote a literary paper, an expose of the verses written by the 18th. century divine, the Rev. Isaac Watts, D.D., which he had culled from the hymnal during sermon time while his completely fundamentalist friend the Rev. Edward A. Reed, D.D., was preaching. 'Saint Ann' was written in 1719, and can speak for herself:

> "Before the hills in order stood,
> Or earth received her fame,
> From everlasting Thou art God,
> To endless years the same."

So much space was given to the story of Dr. J. C. Hubbard because it would be impossible to do justice to the many excellent physicians and surgeons who have given so much service to the inhabitants of Pioneer Valley in so short an account. Furthermore my Mentor was a first class example of the quality and skill of the medical men and women who were drawn to this area to spend themselves in their chosen work. And above all else, I knew him intimately, and owe him so much. At this juncture, let the fact be bruited abroad that Dr. W. A. R. Chapin collected many biographical notations and much information on the medical facilities of the region in his last book under the title "Wanted Tall Men". Many questions can therein be answered in conjunction with the various medical

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The first Negro physician in this area was Dr. Anthony L. Brown - 1901.

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Speaking of Chapins, local medical history has been liberally seasoned with them. There was Edward Chapin, Walter Chapin, Frederick who begat Lawrence, and author Bill who helped to deliver the Hampden Hippocrat and nursed the infant publication through near starvation in the early years. He would be pleased to find his nurseling now fairly well grown up, wearing festive garments suitable to the season, and the internal anatomy in apparently good working order most of the time.

Right now, though, the Editor is finding my remarks much too well grown with no more than a mention of the good work of Hampden's pioneer surgeons, her improved and expanded hospitals, better water, purified river and air and all such noble works which individually merit recognition. The suggestion hereby is made *magna cum loudly* that specialists in all those fields be charged with rendering special justice whereas it may be indicated.

E. P. Bagg

Medical Assistants Seeking Certification Must Apply for 1965 Exams By February 1

Medical assistants wishing to sit for the 1965 national certification examination given by the American Association of Medical Assistants must file their applications before February 1.

Mrs. Mary Kinn, Santa Ana, California, chairman of AAMA's Certifying Board, which administers the examination, advises medical assistants interested in the test to obtain application blanks by writing AAMA's national office, 510 North Dearborn St., Chicago, Illinois 60610.

A revised study outline and suggested bibliography for the examination, which covers medical terminology, anatomy and physiology; personal adjustment and human relations; medical ethics and etiquette; medical law and economics; office skills and procedures, accounting, credits and collections; written and oral communications; records (medical and non-medical); examination room techniques; and laboratory orientation also is available from AAMA headquarters.

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dues assessed per member to $25.00, with an additional $10.00 for construction of the new office. The lease terms of these quarters at the Municipal Hospital permit the Society to make alterations and improvements on the premises. Mr. Carlton Larkin, contractor, constructed partitions and prepared the first three rooms in accordance with the Committee's specifications for their use as offices.

During the next few years, these rooms were regularly used for meetings of the many committees. The work of the Society has increased in recent years, and Mrs. Vivian Purdy, R.N., Executive Secretary, has found it necessary to hire additional clerical help for short term periods. The administration of the Polio Immunization Program sponsored by the Society in cooperation with local and state public health departments was expected to tax our new headquarters severely with its needs for its own personnel and supplies. The Executive Committee had realized last year the need for a meeting room larger in size than any of the first three rooms. Therefore a new Building Committee was appointed on Jan. 13, 1964 for the purpose of enlarging the Society's quarters. The committee included Doctors Malcolm Allan, Francis J. Riley and B. Lincoln Wales, Jr., Chairman. This last construction program was com-

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The new building alterations produced a large meeting room which is now adequate for Executive and other large committee sessions. A lavatory and kitchenette were also added as much needed facilities. Luncheon meetings at the noon hour permit more efficient use of time by some committees.

Auxiliary Lends a Hand

Recently the ever-helpful Woman's Auxiliary, in the person of Mrs. Harry Baker, selected the material for window draperies with careful thought and taste and has sewn the curtains herself. The Society's quarters are also acquiring further personality with the recent presentation of framed photographs of many of our past presidents. These are being collected and prepared by the Auxiliary and Mrs. Purdy.

It has become obvious in recent years that the life of our Society, as known over the past century or more, has changed. Clambakes and excursions, clinical papers and gatherings at members' homes have disappeared from the scene. The creation of permanent headquarters on the other hand, has brought with it the prospect of the greater unity and fellowship that come from working together in committees and otherwise toward a common purpose: "The elevation of the standards of medical practice and the promotion and the protection of the health of the public." #

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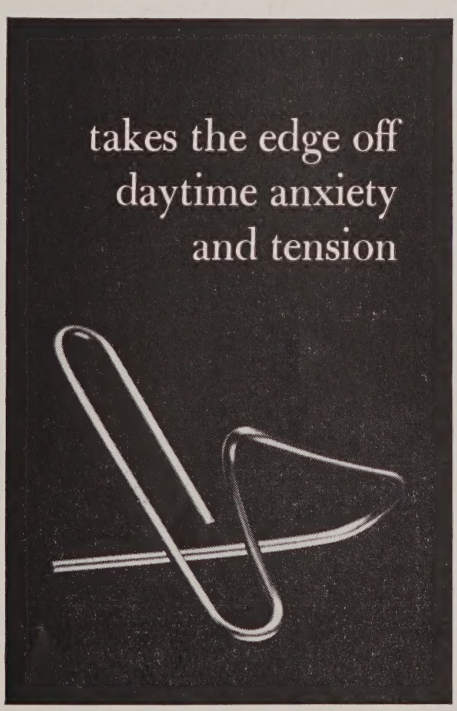

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